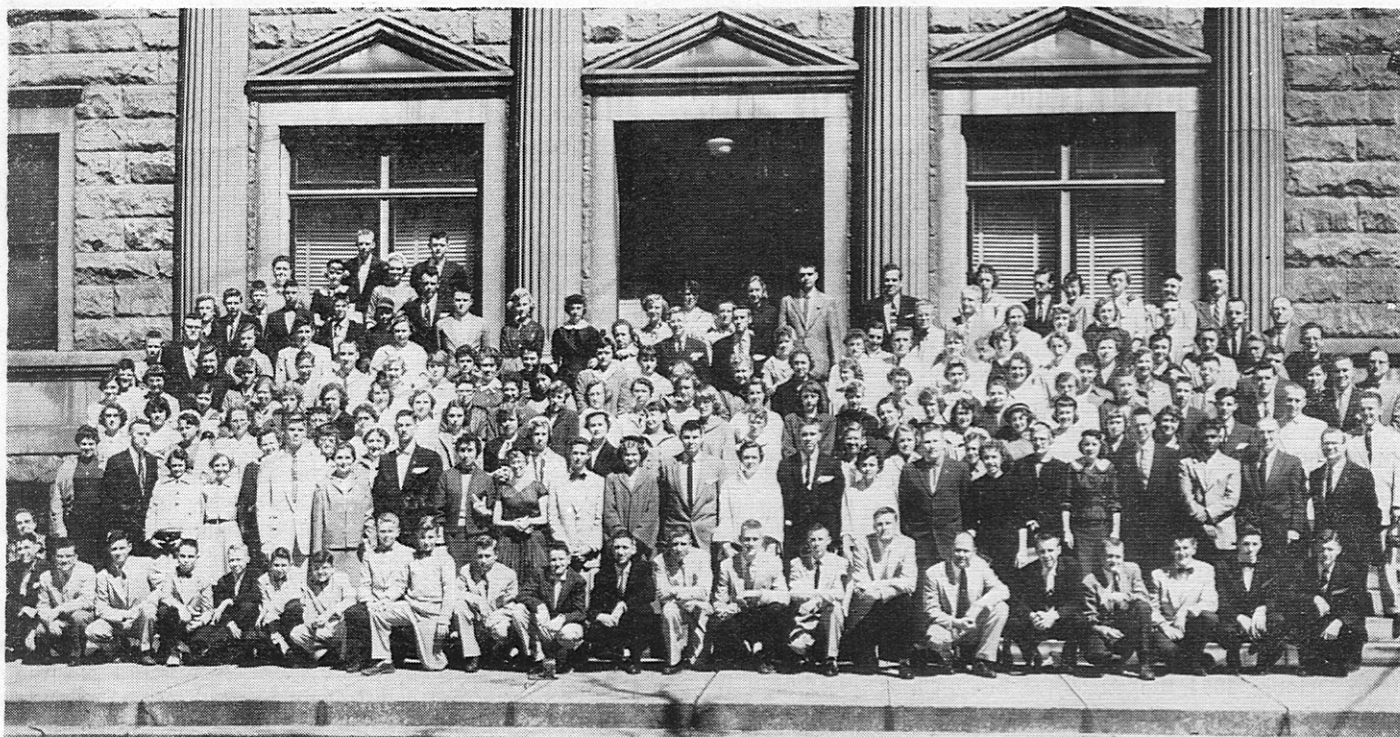


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PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

General Council Meeting June 20-27 In Omaha

More than 2,000 delegates from Congregational Christian Churches in all of the 48 states, Puerto Rico and Hawaii will meet in Omaha, Nebraska, June 20-27 for the denomination's biennial General Council meeting.

One of the principal items of business for the delegates — ministers, laymen and lay women — will be final discussions and action in preparation for the union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church, scheduled to take place June 25, 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio. The union will bring together the 1,310,572 members of the Congregational Christian Churches and the 775,000 members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to form the United Church of Christ, the seventh largest Protestant denomination.

The first official conversations about union between the two churches were held in 1942, after several years of informal discussions between ministers and laymen of the two denominations. A plan of union was submitted to the two communions and was approved in 1947 by the General Synod and the regional Synods of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and in 1948 by the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches. In 1949 the General Council gave final approval to the union by finding that the percentage of Congregational Christian Churches approving union warranted going ahead with the plan.

In 1949 a local church in Brooklyn, N. Y. sought to enjoin the General Council from carrying out plans for the union. The litigation continued until 1954, when the Court of Appeals, highest court in New York State, dismissed the suit in favor of the General Council. In October 1954 the executive bodies of the Congregational Christian General Council and the Evangelical and Reformed General Synod voted to proceed with plans for the union.

The two denominations are carrying out cooperative enterprises at all levels. The Sunday after Easter more than 800 pastors of the Congregational Christian Churches and an equal number from the Evangelical and Reformed Church participated in pulpit exchange as a means of getting acquainted. A similar get acquainted program is being con-

ducted for lay leaders of the two communions. Meetings for lay leaders have recently been held in Merom, Ind.; Houston, Texas; Berkeley, Calif.; Walla Walla, Wash.; Lancaster, Pa.; Framingham, Mass.; and Elon, N. C.

Another major item of business at the General Council meeting will be the election of a Minister and Secretary of the General Council. The Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, pastor of the First Church in Oak Park, Ill., has been nominated for this post. The new Minister will succeed the Rev. Dr. Douglas Horton, who resigned to become dean of Harvard Divinity School.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be a dramatic presentation in connection with the Haystack Sesquicentennial celebration. This celebration marks the founding in 1806 of America's first foreign missions enterprise by a group of students from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. From this meeting grew the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the overseas arm of the Congregational Christian Churches, and the oldest foreign missions society in America.

Among the featured speakers of the Council sessions will be Patrick Murphy Malin, Executive Secretary of the American Civil Liberties Union, New York City; T. Norris Wilson, Director of Church World Service of the National Council of Churches, New York City; and Liston Pope, Dean of Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn. The Rev. Dr. Alford Carleton, Executive Vice-President of the American Board, will make the principal address on the Council Theme, "The Cause of Christ I Make My Own". The Council Sermon will be given by the Rev. T. Rutledge Beale, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Billings, Mont. Chaplain for the meetings will be the Rev. Cloma A. Huffman, a Congregational Christian Army Chaplain, serving the Military Post at West Point, N. Y. Music for the Council sessions will be provided by the Casa Materna Children's Choir and Mr. William Dempsey, a sophomore at Dillard University, New Orleans, La., and a singer with the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra.

The delegates will meet in seminars to study problems brought before the denomination by its boards, commis-

sions and councils. The findings of the seminars will be referred to the appropriate boards, councils and commissions of the denomination for whatever further implementation or action is recommended.

The General Council will also be the scene of the annual meetings of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, the Council for Social Action and the Congregational Christian Service Committee.

ACTION ON UNION

At the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention held in Charleston, S. C., April 23-25, 1956, the following motion was passed unanimously:

"That we go on record as heartily favoring the basis of union with interpretations."

From the discussion it was evident that all delegates in attendance were looking forward with confidence and anticipation to the consummation of the union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

This information was sent to the Executive Committee of the General Council, in care of Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, in accordance with the expressed desire of the delegates.

MEMPHIS FIRST TRANSFERS

Last year Dr. Marshall Wingfield and the congregation of the Memphis First Congregational Christian Church requested a transfer to the St. Louis Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

The Memphis Church is so far removed from the other churches of the Southeast Convention that participation in convention and conference meetings was very difficult.

During the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention April 23-25, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"We commend Dr. Marshall Wingfield and the members of the First Congregational Christian Church of Memphis for membership in the St. Louis Association and wish for them fine fellowship and fruitful service in this new relationship."

SEC ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Odell Yancey of Langdale, Ala., was installed as Moderator of the Southeast Convention during the annual meeting held April 23-25 in Charleston, S. C. Mr. Yancey has served for a year as Moderator-elect and is a consecrated layman and member of the Langdale Congregational Christian Church.

The Rev. Collie Seymour of Garden City, Ala., was named Moderator-elect, to take office as Moderator in 1957. Mr. Seymour is pastor of the Garden City-Mt. Grove parish and also serves as pastor-at-large in North Alabama.

Other officers elected were Wm. F. Gordon, treasurer; Mrs. Ed. A. Albright, registrar; and Rev. Raymond Berry, member-at-large to the Board of Directors.

Chairmen of the four standing committees of the convention were elected as follows: Ministry and Churches, Rev. Guy L. Colbert of Decatur, Ala.; Survey and Church Aid, Rev. Arnold Slater of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Evangelism, Stewardship and Missionary Education, Rev. M. B. Porter Jr. of Atlanta, Ga.; and Christian Education and Youth Work, Mrs. Raymond Berry of Andalusia, Ala.

Elected to the Board of Trustees of Southern Union College for four year terms were Rev. Joe A. French of Lanett, Ala.; Mr. V. L. Carter of Wadley, Ala.; Rev. Erston M. Butterfield of Atlanta, Ga.; and Dr. Emily Dexter of Atlanta, Ga.

Delegates-at-large to the General Council elected were Rev. Archie B. Bedford and Odell Yancey with Rev. Arnold Slater and James Dollar as alternates.

Approximately 105 delegates were present, representing the 117 churches of the convention.

Action taken during the meeting included a vote that churches requesting aid be asked to hold an Every Member Canvass, that the Southeast Convention go on record as heartily favoring the basis of union with interpretations, and a standing vote of appreciation for the service and leadership of Superintendent Butterfield. This last motion was made by Dr. Thomas Anderson and seconded by Rev. Clyde C. Flannery who submitted a letter signed by every minister present, as follows:

"We want you to know that we appreciate your very fine leadership as

PRESIDENT FLANNERY RESIGNS

The Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, president of Southern Union College in Wadley, Ala., since August 1951, has resigned his office effective Aug. 1 and accepted a call to the Brookmeade Congregational Church in Nashville, Tenn.

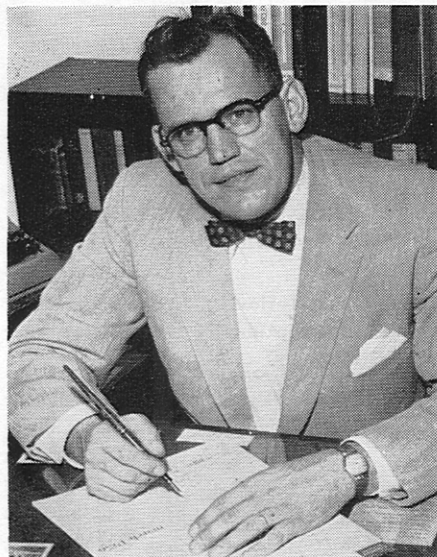
The college has experienced continued expansion under Mr. Flannery's administration. Enrollment for 1951-52 was 127. This year's total is 235. The budget for 1951-52 was less than \$40,000; this year's budget for 1956-57 is \$80,000. The most notable increase is in faculty salaries. In 1950-51 the total was \$9,500. This year the total figures will be \$46,000. Many improvements have been made in the campus buildings and grounds and in the special services to the community — remedial reading, recreational leadership, continuation of the self-help scholarships and renewed emphasis upon trained personnel.

After Mr. Flannery had made his report at the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention in Charleston, the Rev. Joe A. French, chairman of the Southern Union Board of Trustees, asked for the floor. "As chairman of the Board of Trustees of Southern Union College I would feel that I had failed my duty to let this opportunity pass without publicly expressing my appreciation, the appreciation of the Board of Trustees,

Superintendent of our Convention. Even under very trying circumstances, you have maintained an excellent spirit at all times. You have challenged us and inspired us to better churchmanship. Our Convention has made great progress under your leadership, and we know this progress will continue as long as you are with us. We are behind you 100 per cent and pledge our full support for any program you undertake as we continue to move toward self-support. We believe in you, and as never before in the life of our Convention, we need you as a counselor and a friend."

The Rev. Lowell Smoot, who led the Church Building Loan Fund campaign in the Convention to its successful completion in 1953, urged all churches that had not sent in the full amount pledged to do this as soon as possible.

From the many fine reports given by staff, officers, committee chairmen and fellowship presidents, much progress in the past year was evident.



Rev. Clyde C. Flannery

and the appreciation of the Southeast Convention to Mr. Flannery for his devoted service as president of the college for the past five years. I would say without reservation that Clyde Flannery has done a wonderful job — a job many of the laymen and ministers of the Convention are not aware of. I want to request a rising vote of tribute to Clyde Flannery for the service he has rendered the college."

Delegates rose and clapped in an enthusiastic ovation.

The Flannery's will move into one of the "high potential" new churches in their Nashville parish. Brookmeade Church is a project of the Congregational Christian Board of Home Missions and the Southeast Convention and was organized in 1954. It is located in a strategic area for growth and service to the community.

Mr. Flannery is a native of Kentucky and received his education at Berea College and Yale Divinity School. He has served pastorates at Berea; Evarts, Ky.; and was pastor of the Langdale, Ala., Church before accepting the call to serve Southern Union.

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PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Try to imagine that you and your family live in one room, with bread your only food for most meals, and with all of you often very ill. There are many families living in these conditions near the waterfront in Naples, Italy. This is an area of tenements that guides try not to show to tourists. But it is of special interest to you and me because here, where it is needed most, is the only registered social settlement in Italy. Here, too, Communism and Catholicism are the two strong religions, the first thriving on ignorance where the second is dominant.

In this section, in a single room with kitchen alcove lives Nunzia, eight years old, with her three sisters, two brothers, and father and mother. The father has tuberculosis of the bone. Because the meals are usually only bread, the children are all suffering from malnutrition. One day a woman who is a member of the "Casa Mia Family" noticed Nunzia's wizened little face, covered with sores, and took her to see Miss Hulda Stettler, the social worker supported by our Congregational Christian Service Committee. She is hostess, director, dietician, and friend to all at Casa Mia.

During the worship service the first day, Nunzia fainted. Miss Stettler took her to Dr. Santi and Dr. Maida and examinations soon showed that Nunzia suffered from serious malnutrition. With vitamins, and a good meal every day at Casa Mia, Nunzia is now beginning

HELP WANTED!!!

Will anyone knowing Mrs. Charles Borland of 2227 Bolton Parkway — the city or town unknown — please ask her to notify the Southeast Convention office at once why she gave our Superintendent Butterfield a card with her name and street number on it.

Mr. Butterfield is ordinarily very alert, as we all know, and he always comes back from every meeting or trip with his pockets full of little notes about various matters. But when he was going through materials from the recent Pilgrim Fellowship meeting in Chattanooga he found a card with Mrs. Borland's name and address and he could not remember WHY. Did she ask for some materials to be mailed her? Did she give him a subscription to **Southeast News**? We have tried writing to her in several cities, but the mail is always returned marked "unknown."

So, **help wanted!** Please forgive, Mrs. Borland, and let us hear from you.

to act like an eight-year-old girl again, though her face is still far too old and too thin. Through her, the rest of the family is now in touch with the services and activity at Casa Mia. Her two sisters come to the nursery school. Her older brother attends meetings of the Sports Club and was a member of a recent World Council of Churches' Work Camp. At Casa Mia they all get one good meal — a hot dish of rice, dried eggs or multi-purpose food with soy beans; bread with meat, cheese or jam; and chocolate pudding.

There are thousands like Nunzia and her family in Naples who need just such help as she and her family found at Casa Mia.

You may send money gifts for Casa Mia to the Southeast Convention office designated for this purpose. You may also send colored yarns and cloth remnants labelled for Casa Mia to the Congregational Christian Service Committee, 110 East 29th St., New York 10, N. Y. These will give the Casa Mia mothers materials from which to make new clothes. Vitamins are an important gift also and may be sent for Casa Mia to the above address in New York.

WE SPEAK FOR YOU IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sometime ago Mrs. Loper and I made a tour of a Near East Refugee Camp. I will never forget the Arab boy who followed along trying to speak to us. While I talked to a United Nations official, he reached Mrs. Loper. Earnestly, he pleaded with her that we try to do more in America to give him and all of his age a chance for an education. I am grateful that we have the opportunity to make good our promise to help that boy and thousands like him around the world in schools supported by the American Board.

Equally vivid is the picture of an African Negro as he spoke to us in the heart of rural New England. The pulpit was very high, and his sensitive, intelligent face was barely visible to us from our place in the front row. He had come across the seas to prepare himself to minister to his people back home in Africa. Here, I thought to myself, is one of a small group of black men whose leadership is the hope of that troubled continent. What a privilege to inspire and train such leaders! How wonderful that the Board made it possible!

When this letter comes to you we will be in Japan or in the Philippines. Where my father and my son went to fight, we have the opportunity to go in fellowship and prayer. They went out of the Golden Gate in battleships bound for war; we go by air in Christian brotherhood, in His Name as your representatives — you of the American Board. We carry your love and appreciation to the brave company who stand at their missionary posts to make Christ heard in the eastern world — a world where the dawn of nationalism, democracy and freedom is awakening colonial peoples from the night.

You cannot go. But you can help. You can help NOW. You can speak for yourself through your gifts and your prayers.

— Vere V. Loper, President
American Board of Commissioners

Your support of Our Christian World Mission means that funds from the Southeast Convention churches go to the American Board to support this phase of the Mission of the Church.

The Superintendent's Page

"Great Words from the Charleston Meeting"

Our 4th Annual Meeting held in Charleston, S. C., April 23-25 in historic old Circular Church was an high and holy occasion. We would share its inspiration with all our readers, so my page this month and next will be used to bring you an echo of the great words which together comprise the "message" from Charleston. Of course, only excerpts can be printed — the selection is mine and not that of the speakers. Full texts will be furnished for those who may request them by writing "Great Words", Southeast News, 673 Piedmont Ave. N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga.

Erston M. Butterfield

Great Words from the Convention Sermon delivered by Dr. Thomas Anderson, minister of Central Congregational Church, Atlanta and entitled "Toward a Better Understanding of the Congregational Christian Message in the South."

Some things in particular characterize the message of the Congregational Christian Churches in order to justify their existence as distinctive units of the Kingdom of God enterprise.

If we do not have a message that has distinctive aspects, we should join our strength with those churches which are greater in popularity, and size, and equipment, than are ours.

In the South now there are many people who are growing up in religion. They are people who need a religious fellowship which is not static, but progressive. There are many who are no longer satisfied with what is — merely because it has been. There are people in the South who have become expectant of increase in knowledge of God and His ways. They are people who no longer believe that all is known that can be known, but hold that "God has much truth yet to break forth from His holy word," to use the words spoken by John Robinson to the Pilgrims just before they set sail on the Mayflower. It is to the needs of these people of the expectant, adjustable, progressive, and thinking minds that our message should be directed.

Is there a point of reference—a determining factor, an authority beyond the Bible and the creed, to which a person can turn with confidence; and upon which he can rely with certainty? Is there such an authority for people who hunger for freedom from religious confusion, and want to be religious and, at the same time, progressive and intellectually honest? Yes, and it should be included, aye, given large place, in

the message of the Congregational Christian Churches in the South.

That point of reference is the character of God, Himself. It is the divine character as it was revealed in the magnificent life and matchless teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. It is the character of God as it is revealed in the morality of the Universe, where all creation witnesses to the intelligence and morality and justice and equity of the Being who made man, and in whose hands human destiny lies. It is creation that declares God is. It was Jesus who revealed what the heart of God is like. It was Jesus who put the most beautiful of all words for God — "Heavenly Father"—upon the lips of men. It was Jesus who revealed that instead of God being like an oriental despot, acting by whim, and subject to moods of jealousy and anger, He is a Being of majestic goodness, Fatherly love, noble, compassionate, merciful, forgiving, understanding, patient, gentle even as is the most noble among human fathers only as much more as God is more than the most noble and good of all men.

Whatever one finds in the Bible, or in interpretations of it, that is in keeping with the way and purposes of a being like Jesus, or whatever is there that would be like the attitude of a truly good father toward his children, we can accept as of God, as the good news, or gospel; while whatever is there that does violence to such an one, we can reject with confidence that it is of men rather than of God.

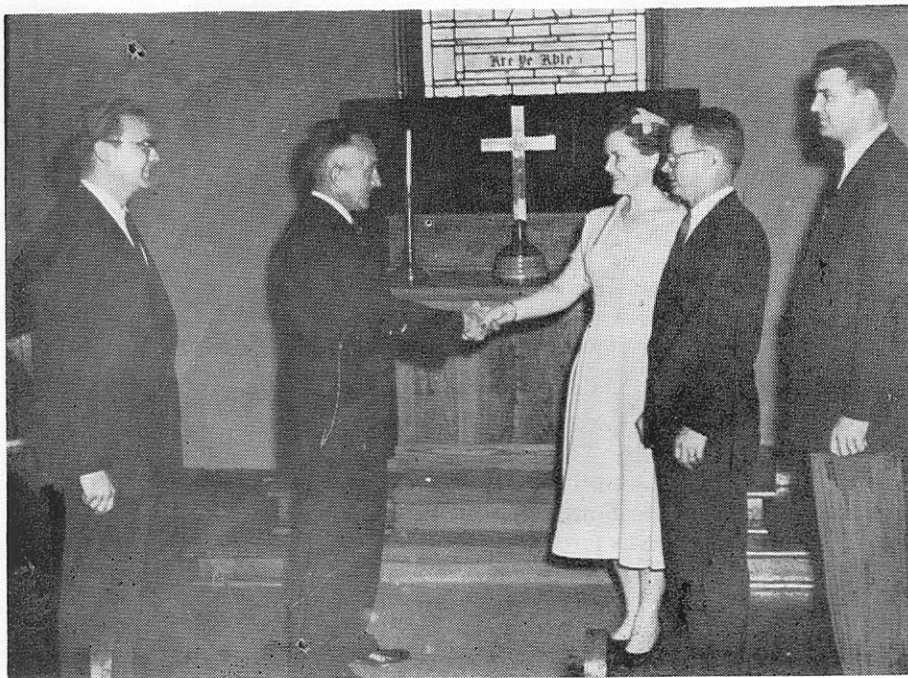
The process of employing this point of reference is to think one's way—not from the Bible up to God, but from God

down to the Bible. If we will remember always that the justice, the goodness, the ethics of God cannot be less than He asks of us; that the kindness and understanding of God cannot be smaller in measure than he requires of us, it would follow as the night the day that whatever is found in the Bible that reduces the ethics of God, the kindness, the fairness of God, below the level of those that mark a noble man, should not be in our message.

Is not what I have been trying to say that which Jesus said, in the words: "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good gifts to them that ask him? To put those words of Jesus in another way — If you, who are less than perfect, less than truly good, know how to look upon and treat others of your kind with justice and fairness and love, how much more does your Heavenly Father, from whom all men come, know how to be fair and just with his children. With this kind of God as the point of final reference, so high above all others, including even the Bible and the creedal interpretations thereof, men can exercise the right of private judgment and be intelligent about it.

Think of religion as a river of water; small, perhaps, at the source, but growing ever wider and deeper, receiving contributions to its strength and power from many streams flowing into it, and running on across the earth, enriching the regions through which it flows, and

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Supt. E. M. Butterfield, Dr. Paul R. Reynolds, Mrs. Lasseter, Rev. Hugh Lasseter and Mr. Paul McCartt.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Rev. Hugh Lasseter was installed as pastor of the Evarts First Church in an impressive service on May 6.

Participating in the service of installation were Dr. Paul R. Reynolds, director of the Pleasant Hill Community Center and pastor of the Pleasant Hill Community Church; Superintendent Erston M. Butterfield; and Paul McCartt of Chattanooga, now serving as assistant to the Rev. Arnold Slater in Pilgrim Church.

Mr. Lasseter was formerly pastor of the Robbins Parish in Tennessee, the Oxford Sardis and Duncan Creek Churches in Georgia, and Andalusia Antioch Church in Alabama.

For the 64 years of its existence the Evarts church has carried on a program of what it considers practical Christianity, trying to meet every known human need in the best way that the church can minister to these needs and opportunities.

The members of Union Congregational Church in Upper Montclair, N. J., have acted as "big brothers" to the Evarts church for 34 years under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George C. Vincent. This has been a constant source of encouragement to the area.

While the church itself became self-

supporting some time ago, the Union Church continues to lend encouragement and offer financial assistance for special projects.

The Lasseters have enthusiastically taken up the many phases of the church program, so ably carried on by the Rev. and Mrs. Collie Seymour before them, with the support of the faithful and consecrated congregation.

SOUTHERN CONVENTION CENTENNIAL

The Centennial Session of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches was held May 1-3 at the Union Ridge Church in Burlington, N. C.

Dr. Albert Buckner Coe was the main speaker, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar presided as president of the convention, and other addresses were made by Dr. James E. Wagner of Philadelphia, Pa., President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and by Supt. Wm. T. Scott.

A dramatic presentation of episodes in the life of the Southern Convention was directed by Professors M. E. Wooten and John Westmoreland of the departments of Dramatics and Music of Elon College.

A resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention April 23-25 was sent to the Southern

REV. SMOOT LEAVING

The Rev. Lowell A. Smoot, who has been serving the Soddy-Daisy Parish in Tennessee, has accepted a call to the Liberty Congregational Christian Church in Henderson, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Smoot are moving to their new field of service in May.

Mr. Smoot is from Woodbury, Ga., and attended Thorsby Institute, Piedmont College, and completed his seminary work at Vanderbilt University School of Religion.

In 1950 the Rev. and Mrs. Smoot went to Phenix City United Church and during his four-year pastorate led the congregation in a building program. From the fall of 1952 until March 1954 Mr. Smoot was chairman of the Church Building Loan Fund campaign for the Southeast Convention, successfully leading the churches to a subscription of the quota.

Mr. Smoot served as Moderator of the Southeast Convention in 1954 and helped promote and conduct the first Every Church Canvass.

Mrs. Smoot, the former Mary Margaret Wynn of Waycross, Ga., has been a partner in all that Mr. Smoot has undertaken. She also has been active in Convention and conference affairs, serving two years as president of the Woman's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention and as president of the Alabama Conference Woman's Fellowship. She has been active in youth work and summer camps and has served on numerous committees.

During the past year the Rev. Smoot was chairman of the Survey and Church Aid Committee of the Convention and Mrs. Smoot was president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Woman's Fellowship.

The following resolution was passed during the annual meeting of the SEC:

"We appreciate the fine service rendered by the Rev. and Mrs. Lowell A. Smoot in our Southeast Convention; we regret their removal but we wish them God-speed and pray for them God's blessings in their new field of service in the Southern Convention.

Convention:

"Congratulations on the occasion of your Centennial Celebration, and felicitations and best wishes for continued service in the building of God's Kingdom of brotherhood in the region served by the Southern Convention."

Southern Union College

The College will offer five grants of \$500 each to young men in the South who have outstanding ability in vocal music. The plan is to organize a college quartet which would be available for engagements throughout the nation.

The scholarships will cover complete cost of tuition, fees, room and board in addition to private voice lessons through the college's music department.

Journalism Scholarship

The management of *The Roanoke Leader*, a weekly newspaper, is awarding an annual scholarship of \$100 to the Southern Union College student who shows interest and promise in the field of journalism.

The selection of the scholarship winner will be made by the Scholarship Committee of the college in cooperation with Editor John B. Severson and Business Manager J. S. Schuessler of the *Leader* staff.

This award is evidence of the growing interest of the Randolph county area in the program of Southern Union College. The cooperation given by the *Leader* has been a source of encouragement to the college in many ways and it is our hope that this award will be indicative of many long years of friendly cooperative activity.

Dean's List

On the Dean's List for the winter quarter were 15 students for outstanding performance in scholastic achievement. Dean Albert R. Van Cleave announced that the requirement is one "A" and two "B's" for a full quarter's work.

Top honors for straight A work go to Miss Betty Lay, Miss Jackie Bass and James D. Conaway. Others include Miss Sarah Coggins, Wally Dunnavent, Wayne Greene, John R. Hodges, Miss Merl Luker, Wm. D. Owen, Thomas Shreve, William Brooks, Glen Kenady, Miss Nancy Lingner, Kenneth Murphree, and Olin Falk.

Honorable mention for "B" average went to Robert Bain, Wm. D. Blanks, Miss Memory Brown, Charles Burton, Donald Dykes, Norman Farrior, John Hanson, Charles McGhee, Mrs. Valera Shaw, Miss Sherron VanSant and Royce Weddle.

Miss Billie McGlawn was named "Most Popular Girl" in a student opinion poll and also picked as "the student who has contributed most to campus life."

Missionary Speakers At Summer Camps And Retreats

Again this year during June, July and August the Southeast Convention will have several "world citizens" as guest speakers and leaders at the summer conferences, camps and retreats.

The first will be **Douglas Albert** from Pakistan and he will be at the Kentucky-Tennessee Summer Family Camp at Pomona, Tenn., June 3-9.

Douglas is 17 years old and a freshman at Elon College, N. C. His father is director of youth activities for the West Pakistan Council of Churches.

Douglas, who speaks English excellently, took part in all his school and college activities, being especially interested in dramatics and church work. He was a leading student in his class, enjoyed athletics and was on the hockey and badminton teams. While not himself a musician, he is fond of music and has with him records of native songs from Pakistan. He is familiar with folk games and arts and took drawing in high school.

Douglas Albert came to the United States in August of 1954 and was at the Christian Endeavor camp in Maryland and at the Students' Ecumenical Conference in Athens, Ohio.

The **Rev. John R. Lepke**, who is back on his first furlough after five years as a worker among the Bantu people of Durban, South Africa, will be the guest speaker at the Women's Fellowship Retreat of Alabama-N. W. Florida to be held at Southern Union College July 17-18.

Inflation, increasing racial tension and rapid industrialization of a rural people all create problems in South Africa which bear heavily on the African churches. Mr. Lepke's major task has been working with these churches.

"The challenge of Africa is spiritual," says Mr. Lepke. "To try to promote the attitudes and qualities which make for hope among all of our brothers in South Africa is why we are there. They are very patient, kind, eager to learn and to grow, and so full of hope for themselves."

Mr. Lepke was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and educated in the local schools of that city and at Bucknell University and Yale Divinity School. Following graduation from divinity school he took a pastorate in Blaine County. Larger

Parish in Nebraska, located in the sparsely settled ranching country of the sand hills of that state. In 1947 Mr. Lepke went to the headquarters of the State University in Lincoln to minister to Congregational students and at this time did a great deal of D. P. work, individual counselling and served on various state conference committees.

His career in South Africa and his career in the United States both illustrate the comment which Mr. Lepke made prior to sailing for Africa in 1950. He said, "For my wife and me there is no particular distinction between home and foreign work. It is all the world mission of Christ."

Miss Jacklyn Blake, from Izmir, Turkey, is the speaker scheduled for the Waycross Family Camp Aug. 19-25.

Miss Blake is 17 years old and a student at Northfield School for Girls in Massachusetts, and has spent most of her life to date in Turkey where her parents are educators under the American Board of Foreign Missions.

"I realize how fortunate I have been to spend so much time abroad. I wish it might be possible for more people," says Jacklyn. "As we young people take our places in the world of tomorrow we must look at things in an international spirit and with a regard for the points of view of others. The torch of peace we will carry on has been kindled by our forefathers with these same qualities, and will continue to burn if it is fed by faith in God and mankind."

In the summer of 1955 Jacklyn served as a counsellor at Camp Rosemary conducted by the Boston City Missionary Society at Farrington Memorial Center in Lexington, Mass. In July 1955 she received the "Salute of the Week" on the "Teenager U. S. A." radio program and said, "Religion means much more to American young people today than most adults realize."

Jacklyn's father and mother head up the American Collegiate Institute at Izmir, Turkey. She has two older brothers, John Blake who has just completed his U. S. Army service in Turkey with NATO, and Lincoln Blake who graduated from Tufts College, class of 1955.

Brotherhood should be not merely a word but an attitude.—Joseph T. Shipley

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Annual Meeting

Mrs. Arnold Slater of Chattanooga, Tenn., was elected president of the SEC Woman's Fellowship during the business session held on April 24 as a part of the Southeast Convention annual meeting. The three state presidents and vice-presidents will serve as her executive committee for planning the coordination of the work and program of the SEC Woman's Fellowship. Mrs. Slater will also represent the WF on the SEC Board of Directors at all meetings.

Presiding at the business session and inspirational portion of the meeting was Mrs. M. B. Porter Jr. of Atlanta, retiring SEC chairman of the Woman's Fellowship. It was her recommendation that a president be elected and that the program be strengthened in the convention. Mrs. Porter also recommended SEC chairmen for the six areas of work of the fellowship.

Highlight of the luncheon meeting, held at the St. John Hotel, was an inspirational talk by Mrs. William E. Wiseman of the Southern Convention.

Echoes from Buckhill Falls, the national meeting of the Woman's Fellowship held in January, were given by Mrs. Raymond Berry (The Buckhill Falls Meeting — What It Is), Mrs. W. F. Gordon (The Mist of the Falls), the Rev. Annie R. Campbell (The Thunder of the Falls), and Mrs. Arnold Slater (The Rainbow).



New officers and chairmen of North Ala. WF: Mrs. Bernice Vansant (Miss. Ed.), Mrs. Mattie Fine (Spiritual Life), Mrs. Ed Clark (VP & WG), Mrs. Ray Price (Pres.), Mrs. Locke White (Sec. Treas.), Mrs. L. E. Price (CSA), Mrs. Collie Seymour (FS), and Mrs. Elaine Glynn (CE).

STEWARDSHIP

Let us check ourselves often with our purpose "To cultivate the spirit of Christ, beginning with our own lives and reaching out into home and community and the uttermost parts of the earth."

Here are suggestions from the stewardship kit of the Ohio Program packet. Prepare individual questionnaires to find out how women spend their time working for the church. After each member has scored herself for the fall months, total the records, making a chart of your findings to use as the basis of a discussion. Follow this discussion with a questionnaire on "How would you most like to spend your time working for the church?"

How about using the theme "Money and Me" for another program? Plan for four women to speak on the following subjects:

- 1) The philosophy of money. Money is a necessity. Money is sacred. How do we think of money?
- 2) The family budget. Is the Christian family budget different from others? Who has the say in the family about the budget?
- 3) The family allowances. Does the wife have money of her own to use? How much should children have? Do you give allowances as rewards for home chores or for being good? Is this



Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed fellowship at North Alabama Woman's Fellowship Rally: Mrs. Seymour, Rev. Collie Seymour, Mrs. Samuel Keck, Rev. F. J. Mehrtens and Mrs. Mehrtens, of the Cullman, Ala., Evangelical & Reformed Church.



North Georgia WF Rally: Mrs. Samuel Keck, Mrs. M. B. Porter, Mrs. Leslie Beall (new pres.), Mrs. W. L. Percy, Mrs. Royce Braselton, Mrs. W. F. Gordon, and Mrs. G. B. Dinsmore.

good or bad?

4) Why do we give? Is it based on what others may think? On duty? On the belief that everything is a trust from God?

—Dora C. Brackin, Treasurer
Alabama-NW Florida Woman's Fellowship

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The Steele Mt. Lebanon Woman's Fellowship has been meeting each week since the first of the year. We meet at a different home each week and serve a covered dish luncheon. Our project is purchasing new chairs for the choir and we have on hand \$120 from the quilts, aprons and luncheon sets we have made and sold.

New officers recently elected are as follows: Mrs. Hazel Coffman, president; Mrs. Irene Mullixan, vice-president; Mrs. Lois Smith, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Fore, reporter.

—Mrs. Margaret Fore

SUMMER CONFERENCE DATES

- June 3-8 — Kentucky-Tennessee Family Camp at Pomona, Tenn.
- July 8-14 — Alabama Young People at Southern Union College
- July 17-18 — Alabama Women's Retreat at Southern Union College
- July 22-Aug. 4 — Work Camp at SU
- Aug. 19-25 — Georgia Family Camp at Waycross, Ga.
- Aug. 16-17 — Georgia Women's Retreat at Waycross, Ga.

Great Words

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carrying all who embark upon it ever on to new vistas and higher experiences.

So the message of our churches in the South should be one providing a religious philosophy which holds fast to all the valid and timeless truths discovered in former years; but it must also be fluid enough to adjust; flexible enough to expand, and realistic enough to come to terms with new facts as they emerge from revelation and research and experience.

Among the most important aspects of the Congregational Christian message in the South there should be a realistic and practical and reasonable approach to Christ, that He shall be seen and loved and served, not merely as a way of escape from a feared punishment, or to obtain a future reward in an after life, as many calls to discipleship are, but that He shall be served as a sacrament of thanksgiving for His being what He is, the world's truest redeemer and most proper guide to masterful living by which men and women can know life abundant and can become pleasing to God and worthy to their kind.

Our message should proclaim that acceptance of Christ means acceptance of a way of life, designed by God and by His grace portrayed in Christ. A way of life, not merely a way of escape or a way to gain. A way by which men and women might live richly and nobly and well in the world and become, thereby, at least a little worthy of survival, and a little able to enter into the next stage of the ongoing life of the human spirit with some degree of honor and acceptability. It is for us to proclaim that the way of reconciliation with God is not in mere public acceptance of a doctrine or set of doctrines, but in the practice of ideals and principles of Christ under the motivation of gratitude for God's love and Christ's ministry, rather than to do so to escape disaster or gain a reward.

What one does in his daily life to implement the ideals and spirit of Christ in common affairs is of vaster importance in God's sight than conformity to doctrinal detail.

Our message in the South must be one cutting through those accumulations of tradition and emotion and opinion to the man and His ideals, that men and

women seeing the man and His ideals standing clear above the confusion will rise above doctrinal debate; come to have nobler ambitions and be in larger degree in their own day as He was in that dark and evil time. For it was the spirit He had, the ideals He possessed, the devotion He displayed for the honoring of God and the welfare of man that led the Almighty One to say: "This is my son, in whom I am well pleased."

There are two ancient reasons which are still employed widely to lead men and women and boys and girls to confession and Christian obedience. The one is fear. The second is reward. Now there is a higher motive, a far more noble motive, an infinitely more commanding and inspiring challenge, which should make the Congregational Christian message.

There should be no appeals to fear in our message. There should be no word of fearful reprisals on the unwary or non-conforming at the hands of the Creator. There should not be any appeals to gains or profit or reward from Christ. Our message should be a call to make life and service a sacrifice of gratitude to God for being the Father God He is, and a sacrament of thanksgiving unto Christ for blessings which through Him are already ours, and which are more than a thousand men could count.

On the world stage today, the scene is confounding. Men everywhere are uncertain, afraid. The mood of the times is explosive. Anything may happen. Hatred and distrust and confusion rest like a dark cloud on the hearts of men. They are hiding the face of God. Anxious men stumble about in recurring troubles. It is a fear-stricken and needy world, where its people move in darkness and are afraid.

The compelling need in that world is not for more doctrines or ceremonials or rituals or dogmas — but for an apostolate of magnanimity. It is for a message that answers men's needs. It is for a message that provides an opportunity to yearning people to have a deep and true religious experience and be at the same time intellectually honest. It is for a message of religious kind that is progressive and ever expectant of still higher levels of knowledge and faith and hope. And that cannot be just any kind of message. It must be more than a message of the "old-time religion", affecting the emotions and leaving the

mind untouched, or if awakened, only awakened to further confusion. It must be a message that is more than mysterious utterances and calls to cumbersome rituals. It must be more than a message that is chiefly argument about doctrinal realities or unrealities. It must be more than a message that is made up of platitudes, and little rules. It must be a message that is more than ancient shibboleth or dry dust formalisms. It must be a message that presents motives more noble and more honoring to God and Christ and man than fear or profit. It is only such a message that can reap any appreciable or enduring harvest, other than more confusion and turmoil and deviousness and ever-mounting discord. Any other kind of religious message is archaic, obsolete, and impotent.

History has shown conclusively that when the religious message has not been bound with the cords of mere tradition, or those of fear and superstition, but has been progressive — moving toward meeting needs in the generation, or area, of its deliverance — it has been the creative power giving unity and coherence to the realms of its practice, and able to lift people to new levels of being.

And that means that not one of our churches in the South can afford to be a backward, hesitant, superstitious sect. It means that each of our churches must be a courageous focus of a practical faith. It means that not one of our churches can afford to be a center of mere doctrinal debate or theological controversy. It means that each one must be a place where people are brought to grips with reality, and helped to winnow the values for their day from ancient good. And helped to come to terms with new truth as it comes directly or indirectly from the mind of God. What an enormous task this is. What a challenge and responsibility! But we must not be dismayed by its enormity, but inspired by the very glory of its magnitude and importance. Let it be so among us.

Let us pray — O God, Ineffable, by Thy grace and because of this hour, may our lives in every tomorrow be better than in any of the yesterdays — more bravely and faithfully lived, more free from fear and foreboding, more full of faith and courage. And now to Thy gracious name, Eternal friend of man, be praise and glory. Amen

Church News...

Andalusia Antioch Church was most fortunate in having Mrs. Dorothy Reiss of Southern Union College as a recent speaker. She gave a very interesting talk on her experiences while serving with the Congregational Christian Service Committee in Europe.

Organization has been completed on plans for recreation for every age group in our community recreation center.

Our young people are selling stationery to make money to buy a movie projector for the church. The projector is their project for this year and they have worked very hard toward this goal.

World Day of Prayer was observed with an impressive service, and several neighboring churches of other denominations participated. The program was sponsored by the Woman's Fellowship and women from the different churches took part.

Our church recently presented two one-act plays which were well-attended and enjoyed. The young people sold refreshments with the proceeds going for their project — the projector.

We have been very fortunate in having a Teacher-Training School jointly with Andalusia First Church and Coldwater Church. The Rev. Annie R. Campbell and Mrs. Raymond Berry conducted classes and not only the teachers but the church school students will benefit from this institute.

—Winnie Dye, Reporter

The East Tallassee Liberty Church began its Easter Sunday activities with a Sunrise Service at 5:30 a. m. The Christian Education Committee was in charge of the worship program. Music was furnished by children of the church who play in the high school band.

Theme of the program was "On the Road to Damascus." A skit was presented depicting the two travelers on the road to Damascus that first Easter morning when the Master appeared to them and walked beside them. The congregation was facing a little dirt road that runs beside the church, and the travelers walked down the road in front of them talking about the death of Jesus. The sun rose over the pine trees in the background as the program proceeded and everyone was made to feel that the Lord really walks beside them

and if only they would look they might recognize Him as the travelers did on that day.

After the worship service a breakfast was prepared by the women of the church. Each family carried their bacon and eggs and bread and it was cooked in the church kitchen. Approximately 80 persons were present.

— Mrs. Floyd Ballard,
CE Committee Chairman

The members of Andalusia First Church were most fortunate in having Miss Annie Campbell with us last week teaching a Study Course for Sunday School teachers. The Antioch Church also participated and some of the sessions were held at Antioch Church. We feel that much good was accomplished and we can now be better teachers by applying what we have learned.

The members of the Woodman of the World presented an American flag to our church recently, and this was very much appreciated as well as the special music from the Woodmen's Quartet.

The Rev. and Mrs. Scott Morris Jr. entertained the ministers of the South Alabama-NW Florida Association and their wives at an informal buffet dinner at the manse on April 13. Arrangements of spring flowers were used throughout the house and guests were seated at small tables. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Morris the dinner party consisted of the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Worley of Crestview, the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Berry of Andalusia, the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Hand of Headland, and the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Linzy and Dianne Linzy of Bonifay.

Easter services at Andalusia First Church were truly a spectacle of beauty and pageantry. The day's schedule included church school, morning worship, open house at the manse in the afternoon, and an egg hunt for the children. A record crowd was in attendance.

The colorful processional which began morning worship was composed of the children's choir and the adult choir. The boys wore red cassocks and white surplices, and the girls wore red skirts and white surplices. The adult choir wore black and white. Leading the procession was Michael Andress, carrying a gold processional cross. Following the

cross came the Christian and American flags carried by Joe Briggs and Franklyn Rentz.

Christenings in this service included William Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colbert Briggs; James Russell, Phyllis Elaine, and Susan Christine, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris Jr. Baptized and received into the church was little Janice Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Harris united with the church on statement of faith.

Assisting the minister at the altar with the Communion elements were Wayne Graves and Larry Andress. Altar flowers were in memory of Mary Elizabeth, infant daughter of the pastor and his wife.

In the afternoon the pastor and Mrs. Morris received parishioners and friends at the manse. Pouring coffee was Mrs. Lula Trawick and keeping the guest book was Mrs. J. C. Harris Jr. At three o'clock the children were entertained with an egg hunt, receiving balloons as favors.

The Huguley Church near Lanett has begun a building fund for an educational building and remodeling the chancel.

Our pastor and the trustees met and worked out a budget for the year and an Every Member Canvass was held.

Miss Lessie Mae Brown and Jerry Brown attended the PF Conference held in Chattanooga recently.

During Lent our pastor, the Rev. A. C. Nelson, preached a series of sermons on the seven words Christ spoke on the cross.

—Mrs. Johnnie Ragland, reporter

The congregation of West Point Bethel Church has been receiving much inspiration from the messages of the pastor, the Rev. W. M. McCullars. Recently a film, "The Touch of the Master's Hand," was shown on a Sunday night and was highly enjoyed.

Some dishes were donated to the church kitchen and we are very proud of them.

Our homecoming, which was held on Easter Sunday, was most enjoyable and everyone had a wonderful day of fellowship with old friends.

— Mrs. Will Aaron, reporter

The primary department of the Lanett Church, with Mrs. Lena Stephens

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as superintendent, has purchased 30 song books for children, paid for by the children.

Dr. John R. Scotford, of Auburn, N. Y., consultant on church building, spoke to us on March 4 and really increased the interest and work on our pre-school department. We are planning to have all the children of walking age to two years in one room and ages two to three in another, with ages three, four, and five in another room. Of course, there will be a room for the cradle roll also. Much new equipment and toys are to be purchased.

The teachers and officers meeting held at the church on March 11 was attended by 12 teachers. Discussion was centered on literature, and was conducted by S. W. Seymour, general superintendent.

Among those who attended the PF meeting in Chattanooga March 17-18 were: Frank Moon, adult counselor; Millard Fuller, Jimmy Crenshaw, Vester Dobson Jr., Buddy Collier, Carolyn French and Linda Looser.

The Rev. Carl R. Key from Durham, N. C., who works with a committee on the use and understanding of the Bible, preached for us March 18 on "The Pearl of Great Price."

Among the church leaders who were invited by the National Committee to attend the Elon College discussions on the coming union April 21-22 were Herman Cook, Mrs. A. D. Harry and Rev. Joe A. French.

—Mrs. Cooper Cannon, reporter

Headland Blackwood Church has three added rooms for Christian education, and new bathrooms. One large room was added to the rear of the church, with two other rooms and the baths extending out to the side.

Total building cost was approximately \$2,500 with most of the labor donated by the congregation and friends. The building fund was raised by members and friends of the church, spear-headed by the young people and the Woman's Fellowship.

—Mrs. Leonard Faison, reporter

Very fine pre-Easter services were held at **Columbus First Church** beginning March 25 and continuing through April 1. Considering that some of our people had to work at night during the

week, the meetings were well attended. The guest preacher, Lt. David Duchesneau of Fort Benning, the son of missionary parents, brought some wonderful messages. He is a fine expository preacher.

At the morning service on April 8 four young Army men took part in the worship service and returned at 6:30 p. m. for young people's meeting, bringing four more friends with them. All of these young men took charge of the evening worship service, and David Fowler, a young man studying for the ministry, brought the message.

After four or five weeks of prayer services we plan to have a revival with these young men trying especially to reach the young people of the community.

A good church conference was held April 11, and plans for leveling off the new church lot were discussed. Plans were also made to erect a sign on the new site. The congregation agreed that after all church expenses and bills were paid, 10% of all funds were to go toward the building fund. Plans are to work on special gifts and pledges for this fund too.

For some weeks the pastor of the **Demorest Federated Church**, the Rev. George Chambers, conducted a class of young people on church membership—what it means—and on Palm Sunday 11 persons united with the church.

The annual chicken pie supper was held in February and sponsored by Mrs. Ruth Atkinson. It was a great success both in fellowship and financially.

March 19 was a beautiful day for which the ladies were grateful, as the North Georgia Spring Rally of the Woman's Fellowship met in our church. We congratulate Mrs. Matthew B. Porter, our president, for beginning on time, for calling each item on the program on time, and for closing shortly before 3:00 p. m. She presided most graciously.

Mrs. W. F. Gordon, our state president, gave a most interesting and worthwhile message and had a beautiful service as our new officers were installed.

The highlight of the day was a talk by Mrs. Samuel W. Keck of New York City on "Uncle Sam's Stepchildren, the Indian Americans". We all learned much and hope to use our influence toward having more justice for them in

the future.

The members of the Guild wish to thank those members of the WSCS who gave valued help with the music and luncheon. A solo sung by Miss Minza Park, one of the 8 Korean students now in Piedmont College, was much appreciated. The dedication of Woman's Gift was another highlight on the program.

—Mrs. E. W. Butler, reporter

For the second year a **Community Easter Sunrise** service was held in Pleasant Hill. This time the combined congregations met in the Mission Baptist Church. The Rev. Boyd Sutton, host minister, conducted the service. The choirs of the Baptist and Congregational Christian churches sang splendid Easter anthems. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Paul Reynolds of Community Church. In spite of the very early hour and the cold weather, the beautiful new sanctuary of the Baptist Church was filled for this significant union worship service.

At the 11 o'clock worship service on Easter Sunday the splendid cantata "Christ Is King," was given by the united choirs of Community Church. Mrs. Rose Stewart directed the program. The infant daughter, Laurel Ann, of Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker and the new baby, Monte Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Meisamer, were baptized.

The church is proud of the fact that our pledge to Our Christian World Mission is not only paid up to date but actually paid in advance until next autumn.

Two Missions Council Study Tours recently visited Community Church and Center. One group under the leadership of the Rev. James Wæry of Chicago came from the six North Central states of the Middle West. The other, sponsored by the Rev. Robert Balfe of Centerport, L. I., N. Y., came from the New York - New England region. The members of both groups were welcomed right cordially and were told of the various phases of our work here—farm, craft shop, medical center, and church. A fellowship supper was served at the church for each group. After the supper there was a hymn sing, a chance for reports back and forth as to the various important things going on in our home churches and parishes, a social time with folk games and then closing worship. We all look forward to these times of exchange and fellowship.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

PF Annual Meeting

Some 210 young people and adult leaders representing 43 churches were present for the annual two - day meeting of the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship held in Pilgrim Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., on March 17-18.

Albert Van Cleave was elected president; V. R. Dobson, vice - president; Patsy Yancey, recording secretary; Bill Green, corresponding secretary; Ben Cooper, treasurer; Sandra Ellerbee, Faith chairman; Frank Little, Action chairman and Jean Vincent, Fellowship chairman.

The young people also elected four delegates to the National PF meeting to be held at Doane College in Crete, Neb., June 28 - July 5. These delegates are Ben Cooper, V. R. Dobson, Miss Bettye Dunningham and John Van Cleave.

Believing that action is the key to a vital faith, the young people voted support for the national "Work Day for Christ" program; special projects for overseas missions; the purchase of a set of Encyclopedia Britannica for the library of the Pleasant Hill Community Center; library books for Southern Union College and the organization of a PF Scholarship in cooperation with the college.



Millard Fuller greeting E. & R. representatives; John Harbison, Jim Schoettlen, Kery Butler and Robert Klein (Birmingham and Cullman, Ala.)

NORTH ALABAMA RALLY

The Pilgrim Fellowship of North Alabama met April 14-15 for a youth rally at Trinity Caddo Church.

Glenda Washburn, vice-president, presided during the Saturday business session in the absence of the president.

Douglas Wasson of Southern Union College spoke to the group on Sunday morning and the Rev. Collie Seymour of Garden City conducted the closing worship.

It was a very successful meeting with good attendance. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 21 in Garden City.

—Dorothy N. Shelton, Sec.-Treas.

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SOUTH ALABAMA-NW FLA.

On April 7-8 a Pilgrim Fellowship Rally was held at Crestview Dorcas Church. Workshops were held on the three commissions with the Rev. Ralph Worley, Miss Annie Campbell and Albert Van Cleave. Another feature of the program was a panel discussion on Indian Americans. James J. Wolf, of Berea and Southern Union Colleges, led the recreation.

New officers elected are as follows: president, Patty Carter; vice-president, Wyndall Hand; secretary, Annie Ruth Hathaway; reporter, Lenora McCallum; adult advisor, Rev. Scott Morris; commission chairmen—Faith, Lewell Kennedy; Action, Shelba Jean Boseman; and Fellowship, Jerry Hathaway.

The next meeting is planned for the last of August. Approximately 65 young people were present with six churches represented.

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The Mt. Grove PF (near Steppville, Ala.) has recently elected officers: president, Gwen Clark; vice-president, Melba Lee; treasurer, Allen Allred; and secretary, Phyllis Delorme.

—Phyllis Delorme, reporter

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The PF of East Tallassee Liberty has begun a new project of buying new collection plates for the church.

Among their recent activities are softball games on Wednesday afternoons in addition to the regular meetings,



Atlanta Central PFers hard at work redecorating the church rest rooms with paint, tile and new lighting fixtures.

sending four delegates to the PF meeting, and eight of the group made up a band to play for the Easter Sunrise Service held by the church. June 5-7 the group will have a camping trip.

Marie Pemberton, reporter

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The PF of Pleasant Hill Community Church again this year played host for a group of three carloads of PF young people coming from Michigan. The weather here in the "sunny South" provided snow and lower temperatures than Michigan Upper Peninsula, so the picnic supper had to be held in the community house. The log fire in the big fireplace, the good supper, the singing of folk songs and the chance to get acquainted soon more than made up for the cold outside.

Reports of the PF program in churches all over Michigan were given. Bettye Cunningham, newly chosen president of the Pleasant Hill PF, then told of some of our manifold activities. The folk games which followed were heartily enjoyed, not only by the young people but by their sponsors and friends. Once again a very happy time was had by all those present.

A fine group of young people, under the expert leadership of Mrs. T. L. Dunningham, are preparing to visit Brookmeade Church in Nashville and lead in an evening of folk songs, games and dances.